



## ***The 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division***

### ***Letter from the Division Rear Commander***

Greetings to the Friends of the CAV and our Community leaders in the Fort Hood area.

As the winter quickly turns to spring, new signs of life and activity are taking place throughout Fort Hood and the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. The key events this Spring are the return of our Division Headquarters and the 1ACB following their year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. We expect the redeployment of our Ironhorse teammates shortly after in early summer.

The First Team is expected to conduct the transfer of authority ceremony with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division on April 19<sup>th</sup> and return to Central Texas with an uncasing ceremony scheduled on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We welcome your attendance at the Welcome Home and uncasing ceremony, but if you are unable to attend, the ceremony will be streamed live at the link listed below. We will confirm the final date and time of the ceremony as we get closer.

Also this spring, we have many great and memorable events happening throughout the month of June:

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the battalions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team Greywolf will change command.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, III Corps and Fort Hood will host a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony at 1000 on Sadowski Parade Field. This event will celebrate all of our Vietnam Veterans giving them the return ceremony they very much deserve. This ceremony is the commencing event for the III Corps Phantom Warrior Week, taking place May 21-24. Additional details about Phantom Warrior Week can be found at the link listed below.

The Blackjack Battalions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team will change command on May 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by our Division Headquarters Battalion, Mavericks, change of command on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

On 30 May, the 1st Cavalry Division will conduct a Memorial Rededication Ceremony in honor of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice both in Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom. Invitations to the ceremony will follow soon.

And finally, we have the upcoming Division Change of Command ceremony that will take place June 14<sup>th</sup> on Cooper Field to bid farewell to MG Allyn and family and welcome our new Commanding General, MG Ierardi and his family. We invite you to attend this event, formal invitations will be sent out shortly.

On behalf of the Command Team of America's First Team, MG Allyn and CSM Vimoto, we look forward to seeing our friends at these events; please feel free to visit our Division webpage listed below for a complete listing of the Division calendar of events.

COL Phil Battaglia  
1st Cavalry Division Rear Commander

Livestream (web-broadcast)  
<http://www.livestream.com/1stCavDiv>

Phantom Warrior Week  
<http://www.hood.army.mil/pww/>

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Official Website  
<http://www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/Default.asp>

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